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TFS Bulletin



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Autumn Greetings to our TFS Community:

A few weeks ago I described the beginnings of our Scientifically Research-Based Intervention plan (SRBI) and how that was going to look at The Friendship School. I left off discussing how we monitor your child's progress and modify their instruction and support.

As a school, we have been looking at how we provide these services at each level and have been making some changes to our overall instructional plan. One such change is the use of a universal screening for all students at TFS at the beginning of each year. Our Related Services staff members have been conducting this screen in all classes on students who have not been screened yet. The tool we are using is the Early Screening Inventory-Revised Edition.

Last year we conducted the same screening on all newly accepted students in the spring for the upcoming year. This year we decided to wait until the school year began and your children were acclimated to their surroundings before administering the screening. The test itself is play-based and looks at several areas of development: language, memory, visual, fine and gross motor. We are carrying this activity out either right in the classroom or at a table right outside the classroom. The results will be analyzed by our SRBI team and shared with the classroom teacher to help them plan for instruction and individual needs. We will continue to share information and changes around our SRBI model as the year goes on.

Before I close for the week, I have two other items to share with you. First is a reminder to always bring your picture identification if you are visiting TFS or picking up your child. You cannot rely on someone in the office to recognize you and allow you access. This week we sent away several family members because they did not have an ID. Also alert anyone else picking up your child to have their ID available.

The last item pertains to the FFO Coat Drive. Within our own school community we have children who do not have adequate coats for the upcoming winter. For the last few years, the FFO has sponsored a coat drive where families donated their new or gently used coats to the school. At the same time, children were confidentially identified as in need of these items by TFS staff, outside agencies, or parents. This information is kept private in my office and then matches are made between the donated items and the child in need. The coats are then sent home with the child. The coat drive has begun and there are boxes in the school foyer for families to place their donations. If you are in need of a coat for your child, or know of someone in need, please contact me at extension 1205 and I will facilitate this for you.

Enjoy the leaves this weekend and we'll see everyone on Monday.

Dawn Davis



FFO NEWS:

WOW! Thank you to all who have sent in their Box Tops for Education. After a weekend of counting them, we are happy to report that we have collected 9,555 box tops so far. This will result in a hefty contribution of \$1000.00 to the FFO. Please keep saving and continue to send in your box tops.

Congratulations to our new FFO board members!

They are:

President: Pending

Co Vice Presidents: Millie Mell and Nancy Miller

Secretary: Kevin Girard

Treasurer: Tammy Grimsey



Important Dates:

***November 2nd-November 6th- Scholastic Book Fair**

***Tuesday, November 3rd- NO SCHOOL/ Parent/Teacher Conferences.**

***Monday, November 9th- Picture Re-take Day**

***Wednesday, November 11th- NO SCHOOL/Veteran's Day**

***Thursday, November 19th- FFO Meeting at 6:30pm**

Library

Our Scholastic Book Fair will begin on Monday, November 2nd and run through Friday, November 6th. Please remember to stop by the library to look at the magnificent selection of books we are offering. If you would like more information about the book fair or to volunteer, please contact Marie Streimer at 447-4049 ext. 1320.